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1. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AT THE END OF JANUARY 1978 WAS 6,243,000--A 3.4 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND A 5.8 PERCENT INCREASE OVER JANUARY 1977. THESE FIGURES, JUST RELEASED BY THE EC COMMISSION'S STATISTICAL OFFICE, ARE NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

2. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES, HOWEVER, SHOW A CONTINUING SLIGHT DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT. A CHART PUBLISHED IN THE STATISTICAL OFFICE'S MONTHLY REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT INDICATES THAT THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED JOBLESS FIGURE IN JANUARY WAS AROUND 5.8 MILLION, OR MORE THAN 400,000 BELOW THE UNADJUSTED FIGURE. IN FACT, THE CHART'S TREND LINE WAS DOWN FOUR MONTHS IN A ROW FROM
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A HIGH CLOSE TO SIX MILLION IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1977. BUT THE UNADJUSTED FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1978 IS STILL 400,000 HIGHER THAN THE ONE FOR JANUARY 1977.

3. THE JANUARY-TO-JANUARY COMPARISONS OF EC UNEMPLOYMENT, WITH BREAKOUTS BY SEX, FOLLOW:

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT

(000'S OMITTED)

	JAN. 78	JAN. 77	CHANGE
MALE	3,695	3,598	PLUS 2.7 PERCENT
FEMALE	2,548	2,304	PLUS 10.6 PERCENT
TOTAL	6,243	5,902	PLUS 5.8 PERCENT.

THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE NOT RPT NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.
 FURTHERMORE, THOSE FOR JANUARY 1978 ARE SUBJECT TO
 REVISION BECAUSE THE FIGURES FOR ITALY ARE STILL
 PRELIMINARY.

4. THE EC'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
 FOR JANUARY 1978 WAS 5.9 PERCENT, COMPARED TO 5.6 PERCENT
 A YEAR EARLIER. ONLY IN THREE EC COUNTRIES--GERMANY,
 HOLLAND, AND IRELAND--DID THE JOBLESS RATE NOT INCREASE
 DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD. BREAKOUTS OF TOTAL UNEMPLOY-
 MENT RATES BY COUNTRY:

	JAN. 1978	JAN. 1977
--BELGIUM	8.5 PERCENT	7.4 PERCENT
--DENMARK	7.6	6.4
--FRANCE	5.1	4.9
--GERMANY	4.7	4.9.
--HOLLAND	4.7	4.7.

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--IRELAND	9.8	10.3
--ITALY	7.6	6.8
--LUXEMBOURG	0.9	0.5
--UNITED KINGDOM	6.0	5.6

EC 9-AVERAGE	5.9	5.6. HINTON
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